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SUBJECT: US POLICY STATEMENTS ON PROPOSED ZONE OF PEACE,
FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY (KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION)

REF: BANGKOK'S 4250

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. MOST RECENT SECRETARY'S REPORT
ISSUED APRIL, 1973 HAD FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON
KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION: "AMONG THESE (DISCUSSIONS BY
THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS DURING THE YEAR) WAS THE
ASEAN KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION OF 1971 FORMULATING A
PLAN FOR A ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM, AND NEUTRALITY IN
SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE U.S. POSITION IS THAT THE ASEAN
MEMBER STATES ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT MUCH REMAINS TO BE
DONE BEFORE SUCH AN OBJECTIVE CAN BE REALIZED; THE
SECURE INDEPENDENCE OF SOVEREIGN SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS
IS ITS ESSENTIAL PRECONDITION." END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL RE PARA 2 REFTTEL, WE HAVE NOT
FOUND OFF-THE-RECORD STATEMENT MENTIONED BUT WE ARE
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REPEATING OUR TEL OF JANUARY 22, 1972 CONTAINING TEXT

OF THEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY GREEN'S REPLY TO THAI
AMBASSADOR'S QUERY CONCERNING US ATTITUDE TOWARD KUALA
LUMPUR DECLARATION.

3. WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD VOLUNTEER
COMMENT ON NEUTRALIZATION PROPOSAL SINCE THIS IS AN
ESPECIALLY INAPPROPRIATE TIME TO DISCUSS NEUTRALIZATION
IN VIEW OF CURRENT COMMUNIST OFFENSIVES IN CAMBODIA
AND VIET-NAM. AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU MAY WISH MAKE
THIS POINT TO ANY ASEAN CONTACTS WHO RAISE ISSUE WITH
YOU. HOWEVER, IF PRESSED FOR COMMENT BY THAI OR OTHERS
YOU MAY REFER TO ABOVE STATEMENT FROM SECRETARY'S REPORT.
YOU MAY ALSO DRAW ON PERTINENT SUBSTANCE OF GREEN'S
LETTER. END CONFIDENTIAL. KISSINGER

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